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SUBJECT: FRENCH INTEREST IN UPGRADED FACEE

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1. DEPT DESIRES FURTHER CLARIFICATION MEETING REPORTED REFTEL. WE UNDERSTAND THAT MEETING WAS NOT ONE OF FACEE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUT AD HOC MEETING AT QUAI WITH MEMBERS FRENCH MFA AND MINED. WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING AT WHOSE INITIATIVE MEETING WAS CALLED AND LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION FRENCH GOVERNMENT.
2. FACEE PROGRAM PROPOSAL FOR 1975/76 NOW DUE. DOES PHRASE "BEFORE CONSIDERING TENTATIVE 1975-76 PROGRAM" IN OPENING PARA REFTEL INDICATE THAT QUESTIONS POSED IN SUBSEQUENT PARAGRAPHS MUST BE RESOLVED BEFORE GOF APPROVAL CAN BE OBTAINED? PROGRAM PUBLICITY OF 1975/76 MUST GET OUT TO POTENTIAL CANDIDATES NOW RPT NOW. WERE GOF REPRESENTATIVES AWARE OF LEVEL US COMMITMENT OF 1974-75 PROGRAM WHICH, WITH ASSUMED FRENCH CONTRIBUTION OF APPROXIMATELY \$200,000 WAS DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE AT LEAST \$500,000 PROGRAM)?
3. PARA 1 REFTEL INDICATES GOF DESIRE FOR INCREASED US CONTRIBUTION TO FACEE BUDGET QTE GIVEN OBVIOUS NEED UNQUOTE. PLEASE ADVISE DEPT OF AREAS IN WHICH GOF OFFICIALS SEE THIS NEED, I.E. SENIOR SCHOLARS, LECTURERS, RESEARCHERS, STUDENTS.

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DENTS, ETC AND WHETHER THEY BELIEVE IT DESIRABLE INCREASE FLOW IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. ALSO ADVISE MAGNITUDE OF PROGRAM INCREASE GOF WOULD LIKE TO SEE AND YOUR ESTIMATE OF MAGNITUDE ADDITIONAL FRENCH FUNDING.

4. WE ASSUME THAT GOF SUPPORT OF FACEE ROLE IN FRANCO-AMERICAN UNIVERSITY EXCHANGES IS FOLLOW-UP TO GARRIGUE STATEMENT REPORTED PARA IV(C) OF DECEMBER 10 FACEE MINUTES. WE SEE NO OBJECTION TO SUBVENTION BY FACEE TO INTER-INSTITUTIONAL EXCHANGE (INDEED THIS IS ONE OF OBJECTIVES OF BFS STATEMENT FOR SEVENTIES) BUT BFS AND DEPT ALSO BELIEVE THAT LEVEL SUCH EXCHANGE SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO GROW TO POINT WHERE OPEN COMPETITION ELIMINATED OR SEVERELY LIMITED. BFS APPROVAL FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS IS OF COURSE REQUIRED. DEPT IS THEREFORE HESITANT TO DISSEMINATE PUBLICITY ON THIS SUBJECT UNTIL WE HAVE A CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF FRENCH VIEW. FACT THAT FRENCH REQUIRE ANY INTER-INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS TO BE APPROVED BY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SERVICE OF MINED WOULD ALSO SPEAK AGAINST BROAD PUBLICITY PROGRAM.

5. IN VIEW OF CONSIDERABLE CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN EMBASSY AND DEPT ON FLTA PLACEMENT IN US WE ARE SURPRISED THAT EMBOFFS PROPOSED TO GOF THAT DEPT CONTRACT WITH HEW THIS SUBJECT. DEPT MUST REMAIN BEST JUDGE OF METHODS OF PLACEMENT OF FLTA'S IN US AND PARTICULARLY USE OF CU FUNDS THIS PURPOSE. WE WILL BE CONSIDERING THIS PROBLEM FURTHER AND WILL KEEP EMBASSY ADVISED.

6. WE ARE PLEASED THAT FACEE IS TO TAKE ON PRE-DEPARTURE ORIENTATION FOR GOF GRANTEES AND ASSUME THIS CAN BE DONE WITHOUT INCREASE IN ADMIN COSTS.

7. SOLICITATION OF FUNDS FROM NON-GOVERNMENT SOURCES IS, OF COURSE, FAVORED BY DEPT.

8. WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER EMBASSY ANALYSIS AND COMMENTS SOONEST. KISSINGER

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